

D-1-GN-61-121012

STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE
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AND	§	DISTRICT COURTS
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS COUNTY	§	HANDLING CRIMINAL CASES


ORDER RESCINDING
REVISED STANDING ORDER FOR PERSONAL BONDS
ON FELONY CASES IN TRAVIS COUNTY

In the interest of justice and fairness for all persons accused of felony crimes, the Travis County District Judges had created a Standing Order, D-1-GN-61-121012, authorizing and pre-approving personal bonds in many felony cases, effective December 1, 2021. As a result of new legislation, Senate Bill 6 (SB 6) has added new responsibilities and restrictions for magistrates making bail bond decisions, changing the landscape of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) regarding the authority to grant personal bonds. The new changes include but are not limited to: consulting the Public Safety Report before releasing a person on bail (CCP Art. 17.022); making individualized decisions for bail (CCP Art. 17.028); and certifying on bail forms that magistrates have considered both the Public Safety Report and all the factors in CCP Art. 17.15(a) before making bond determinations (Tex. Gov't Code 72.028). Finally, SB 6 specifically states that a judge "may not adopt a bail schedule or enter a standing order related to bail that: (1) is inconsistent with this article; or (2) authorizes a magistrate to make a bail decision for a defendant without considering each of the factors in Article 17.15(a)." (CCP Art. 17.028(d)).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that due to the implementation of SB 6, the Revised Standing Order for Personal Bonds on Certain Felony Cases in the Travis County District Courts, Effective December 1, 2021 (D-1-GN-61-121012), is hereby rescinded, effective immediately.

A copy of this Order shall be transmitted to Pretrial Services and the Sheriff of Travis County.

Signed on the 14th day of April 2022.

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